

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

Exchange of notes at Santiago July 30, 1945,¹ supplementing agreement of January 6 and February 1, 1938

Entered into force July 30, 1945

Modified by agreement of July 30, 1947²

Extended by agreements of July 23 and 30, 1946,³ and July 30, 1947²

Expired July 31, 1948

60 Stat. 1715; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 1529

The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

REPUBLIC OF CHILE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Department of Commercial Policy

C 4-121.413 No. 004024

SANTIAGO, July 30, 1945

MR. AMBASSADOR:

The Government of the Republic of Chile, following the principles upheld by the United Nations and in accordance with the economic objectives of the Atlantic Charter⁴ and especially of the Inter-American Conference of Mexico City on Problems of War and Peace⁵ with respect to the reduction of customs duties, wishes to adopt measures to intensify commercial exchange with the United States of America and other Allied Nations within a policy of mutual concessions and of close cooperation.

In view of the fact that the conclusion of a more comprehensive Commercial Agreement with the United States of America will still require a certain amount of time, in consequence of the studies and procedures which must be considered, the Government of Chile believes that it may make progress toward the fulfillment of the above-mentioned objectives by means of the

¹ For attached list of U.S. products subject to reduced import duties, see 60 Stat. 1724 or p. 14 of TIAS 1529.

² TIAS 1642, *post*, p. 637.

³ 60 Stat. 1715; TIAS 1529.

⁴ EAS 236, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 686.

⁵ See *Report of the Delegation of the United States of America to the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, Mexico City, Mexico, February 21-March 8, 1945* (U.S. Government Printing Office, 1946).

present supplementary exchange of notes which, amplifying the Provisional Commercial Agreement concluded by the two countries on January 6, 1938,^o contemplates better the proposals expressed in the referred-to International Agreements.

The Government of Chile is disposed, immediately, to grant customs concessions to the United States products enumerated in the attached list, these being reductions which, like the Provisional Commercial Agreement of 1938, will remain in force until the conclusion of a more comprehensive Commercial Agreement with the United States of America and which will be of considerable and positive benefit with respect to the products of that country which will thus enjoy appreciable reductions in customs duties as regards numerous items which are of interest in its trade with Chile.

The Government of my country has decided to take the indicated step, without stipulating compensation, in the conviction that it will thus respond to the spirit of frank and loyal cooperation displayed by the Delegation of the United States of America during the Mexico City Conference.

The present Note and Your Excellency's reply expressing the conformity of your Government with this proposal of the Government of Chile will constitute an Agreement between the two countries on this matter.

This Agreement will be effective for the period of one year unless it is replaced during that period of time by a more comprehensive Commercial Agreement, and it may be denounced by either of the two countries by giving 30 days' advance notice.

The Government of Chile takes this occasion to express its desire to initiate negotiations with Your Excellency's Government to conclude a Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

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His Excellency CLAUDE G. BOWERS,
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the
United States of America
City*

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^o EAS 119, *ante*, p. 584.

The American Ambassador to the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SANTIAGO, CHILE
July 30, 1945

No. 2700

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of July 30, 1945 containing a proposal by the Government of the Republic of Chile to concede to the commerce of the United States of America, without compensation, reductions in the Chilean import duties on certain products as set forth in the enclosure with Your Excellency's note, such reductions to continue in force for a period of one year, unless the present agreement is superseded within that time by a more comprehensive commercial agreement, it being understood, however, that the present agreement may be terminated by either Government upon the giving of thirty days' advance notice.

I have the honor to assure your Excellency that the Government of the United States greatly appreciates the interest of the Chilean Government in adopting measures to expand and to liberalize trade in accordance with the economic objectives of the Atlantic Charter and of the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, and is pleased to accept the proposal of the Government of Chile.

I have noted with satisfaction the willingness expressed by Your Excellency's Government to enter into negotiations for a Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation and I desire to inform Your Excellency that my Government is likewise willing to enter into such negotiations.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

CLAUDE G. BOWERS

His Excellency

Señor don LUIS ALAMOS BARROS,

*Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile,
Santiago.*